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# **Montana Medicaid Notice**

## **Mental Health Providers**

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### **Changes in Reimbursement for Interactive Psychotherapy**

Effective June 1, 2003, Medicaid will no longer reimburse the interactive psychotherapy codes (90810, 90812, 90823 and 90826) for persons over 12 years of age. Interactive psychotherapy involves the use of physical aids and non-verbal communication to overcome barriers to therapeutic interaction between the clinician and a patient who has not yet developed, or has lost, either the expressive language communication skills to explain his/her symptoms and response to treatment, or the receptive communication skills to understand the clinician if he/she were to use ordinary adult language for communication (CPT Manual, 2003).

Interactive psychotherapy codes should be used when the primary mode of communication between therapist and patient is through the use of play materials or other non-verbal media. To request exemptions for older clients, please call Deb Sanchez, Mental Health Services Bureau Program Manager at (406) 444-2706. For claims questions, contact Provider Relations and visit our websites:

Provider Relations in Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837

In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958

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